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"AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH POLICY."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 17a-98a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

5 (a) The Department of Children and Families, in consultation with
6 the Departments of Social Services, Mental Health and Addiction
7 Services and Mental Retardation, shall establish, within available
8 appropriations, a kinship [foster care] navigator program. Such
9 program shall ensure that: [when the department] (1) When the
10 Department of Children and Families determines that it is in the best
11 interest of the child to be placed with a relative for foster care, the
12 department [shall inform] informs the relative regarding procedures to
13 become licensed as a foster parent, and (2) grandparents and other
14 relatives caring for a child related to such persons are provided with
15 information on the array of state services and benefits for which they

16 may be eligible, including the subsidy program established pursuant
17 to section 17a-126 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes. The
18 Commissioner of Children and Families shall, within available
19 appropriations, ensure that information on the array of services
20 available under the kinship navigator program is accessible through
21 the 2-1-1 Infoline program.

22 (b) Not later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the
23 Commissioner of Children and Families shall report, in accordance
24 with section 11-4a, on the implementation of the kinship navigator
25 program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
26 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and to the
27 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
28 matters relating to children."